

MEMORANDUM

To: Interested Parties

From: Office of Congressman Pete Stark (Contact: Brian Cook, 202-225-3202)

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RE: Continued Republican Falsehoods On Jobs

After an appearance by Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Director Doug Elmendorf yesterday at the House Budget Committee, Republicans have started touting an August 2010 CBO report and selectively interpreting the findings to claim that health reform will "kill jobs." **The non-partisan, Pulitzer Prize-winning Politifact has already evaluated their claims – including their claims about the CBO figure – and found them to be FALSE.**

Read Politifact's analysis here: <http://bit.ly/repubjobfalse>

Unfortunately for Republicans, their talking point flies in the face of real jobs numbers. Since enactment of health reform in March 2010, we have **created more than 1.1 million new private sector jobs, including a total of 207,000 jobs in the health care sector alone.**

Last month, Harvard economist David Cutler found that

[the Republican health reform repeal bill would reverse these jobs numbers, and slow job growth by 250,000 to 400,000 jobs annually over the next ten year](#)

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It is ironic that Republicans want to rally around CBO, after trashing them last month when they highlighted that [repeal would increase the deficit by \\$230 billion in the next decade, force families to pay higher premiums, and increase the uninsured by 32 million](#) .

Republicans seem to think that by continuing to refight the health reform debate, they can distract the American people from their No Jobs Agenda. The fact remains – Republicans have done nothing on jobs in this Congress. They have **offered no legislation that would create jobs, held no hearings about job creation ideas, and taken no votes on bills to create jobs.**

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